UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

GEORGE GUINDON, ET ALS	:	
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vs.	:	C.A. No. 03-335-L
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AMERICAN FOAM CORPORATION, ET ALS	:	
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DEFENDANT, DERCO, LLC'S, ANSWER

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Michael Derderian and Jeffrey Derderian are the only members of DERCO, LLC. Insofar as Michael Derderian and Jeffrey Derderian presently charged in indictment K1 03-655A and K1 03-654A respectively with two hundred counts of involuntary manslaughter as a result of the fire that occurred on February 20, 2003 at the Station Nightclub they are faced with the real and substantial risk of self-incrimination if they are required to answer on behalf of DERCO, LLC. Therefore, DERCO, LLC has appointed Robert E. Flaherty, Esquire as its agent to gather information to respond on behalf of DERCO, LLC. *United States v. Kordel*, 397 U.S. 1 (1970). The agent has reviewed documents and records of DERCO, LLC and responds on its behalf as follows:

The plaintiffs have adopted the first amended master complaint in *Albert L. Gray, Administrator, et al v. Jeffrey Derderian, et al*, C.A. No. 04-312L. The defendant, DERCO, LLC, hereby incorporates by reference its answer filed on its behalf as its answer as if set forth fully herein.

The plaintiffs have also included the additional allegations set forth in the *Estate of Jude B. Henault, et als v. American Foam Corporation, et als*, C.A. No. 03-483-L "Notice of

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Adoption of First Amended Master Complaint." The defendant, DERCO, LLC, hereby incorporates its answer filed on its behalf to said additional allegations as if set forth fully herein.

The defendant, DERCO, LLC, is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of paragraphs 260-280 of the notice of adoption but leaves the plaintiffs to their proof thereof.

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By its attorney,

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THE DEFENDANT, DERCO, LLC, HEREBY DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on the 4th day of February, 2005, I e-mailed a copy of the within to the following attorneys of record:

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